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who bound. I was bound. Did I do it because I was whipped? No. Did I do it because I was dictated to? No. Senator Chambers has it wrong in each and every element. The question we need to ask ourselves is, is the amount fair? Now, I'm bound by it. And I don't think you are. However, out of the 23 categories of liquor that's covered by this bill and is in the Brashear bill, Nebraska will be the highest in 19, will be second out of seven states in the other two. And when, of those 19 cases, we are the highest, we are the highest by roughly 80 to 200 percent. Did I undersell the state?

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: Should it have been 400 percent or 500 percent higher than our neighbors? That's for you to judge. Senator Chambers...and I haven't bothered to do this, because he's simply been wrong. But it's been said so many times, I do I'd say once for every 20 speeches of every now and then. harangue, I think maybe I ought to make one speech of fact. And the fact is, I'm the only one who's bound, but I think the deal is fair, I defend it, and I do feel bound by it. I gave, I got, and I dictated the terms of the giving and the getting. And to the extent the Revenue Committee went along with it was because the deal was reasonable, because it's fair, because we give and we get, because we don't have a lot of e-mails and a lot of fight on this. And it's about \$10 million of money that we very It's a 25 percent increase in tax, without the much need. objection of the parties being taxed. Give me another example of anything that we've done along those terms, this year or last year, in which a 25 percent tax was agreed to.

SPEAKER BROMM: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: You can't. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I have been listening very close to a lot of the discussion this morning. And I have a real concern with one item of Senator Brashear's bill, and that's the statement of the